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SUBJECT: SEAGA'S VICTORY STATEMENT
1. IN PUBLIC COMMENTS LATF OCTOBER 30, VICTORIOUS OPPOSITION LEADER SEAGA CALLED THE LANDSLIDE VICTORY OF THE JAMAICAN LABOUR PARTY (JLP) IN THE OCTOBER 30 ELECTIONS, " AN OVERWHELMING MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA." SEAGA SET TWO IMMEDIATE PRIORITYES FOR HIS GOVERNMENT.
HE SAID THE PRINCIPAL PRIORITY OF THE JLP GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TO RESTORE A LEVEL OF BUOYANCY TO THE JAMAICAN ECONOMY. THE SECOND PRIORITY WOULD BE TO RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE GOVERNMENT THE JLP LEADER CLAIMED THAT THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD ABUSED ITS POWER BY DIVIDING THE COUNTRY INTO TWO UNEQUAL CLASSES: THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) AND THOSE WHO DID NOT. SEAGA PROMISED THAT THE JLP GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL AFFILIATION. HE PROMISED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD "BRING INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF PUBLIC LIFE. ALL THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA".
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BUT HE DID WARN THAT LAWBREAKERS WOULD BE PROSECUTED AS THE LAW REQUIRES.
2. TURNING TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SEAGA SAID THE JLP WOULD STRIVE FOR A BALANCE FOREIGN POLICY WHICH WOULD NOT PROJECT "A HIGH PROFILE IN ANY SINGLE DIRECTION.WE ARE A NON ALIGNED COUNTRY AND IN THAT RESPECT WE ARE NOT ONE OF THOSE NON ALIGNED COUNTRIES THAT ARE (SIC) TIED TO THE COATTAILS OF ANY SUPER POWER", HE ADDED, EXPRESSING DISPLEASURE OVER THE ACTION OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR ULISES ESTRADA, SEAGA DECLARED THAT HE WOULD ASK THE CONTRO VERSIAL DIPLOMAT" TO LEAVE JAMAICA BECAUSE HE IS A PERSONA NON GRATA."
3. SEAGA CLOSED HIS SHORT SPEECH BY THANKING PARTY

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SUPPORTES AND HIS TEAM OF CANIDATES. HE PROMISED THIS GROUP THAT THE JLP GOVERNMENT WOULD DO EVERYTHING HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO REBUILD " A WAR DESTROYED " ECONOMY AND TO RESTORE IT TO "THE LEVELS OF PROPRIETY AND STABILITY THAT WAS ONCE ENJOYED BY THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE".
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